GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURERS OF NEW DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have decided to exempt the manufacturers of new drugs, developed through indigenous R&D, from price control for 15 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the further proposals being considered by the Government regarding R&D in pharma sector for the manufacturers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (b) : As per the `Modifications in Drug Policy,1986`, announced in September,1994, a new drug which has not been produced elsewhere, if developed through indigenous R&D would be put outside price control for a period of ten years from the date of commercial production in favour of the Company who undertook the R&D.

(c): The Pharmaceutical Research & Development Committee(PRDC) constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A.Mashelkar, Director General, CSIR with a view to recommending measures to strengthen the Research & Development capability of the Pharmaceutical Industry in the country and to identify the support required by Indian Pharmaceutical Companies to undertake domestic R&D has submitted its report to the Government suggesting measures in that direction. Changes in the Drug Policy will take into consideration all relevant factors including the recommendations of the Committee.